Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, For 30 years, Walt Ellefson championed electric cooperatives by serving as a director and board officer; and,

Whereas, Walt's advocacy for both electric and telecommunication cooperatives has afforded Sioux Valley Energy members with state-of-the-art services; rebates, affordable rates, electric heat discounts; energy conservation loans, electric wiring services, high-speed wireless Internet service, networking service, wireless cable TV, long distance telephone service, life safety monitoring, Operation Round Up; and,

Whereas, Walt's philosophy was always "no matter what, no matter where, I represent cooperatives"; and,

Whereas, Walt dedicated his life to rural South Dakota and his impact may never be totally understood or valued; and,

Whereas, Walt's commitment to the belief in staying informed and up-to-date on the issues is highlighted by his commitment to training; and,

Whereas, Walt received his "Director Certification" in 1978, his "Credentialed Director Certification" in 1998, and his "Board Leadership Certificate" in 1999; and,

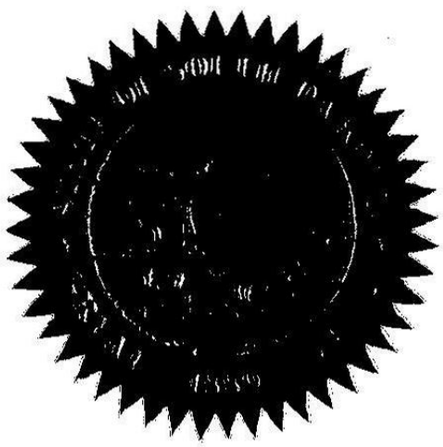
Whereas, Walt represented Sioux Valley Energy on the South Dakota Rural Electric Association's Board of Directors for 12 years; and,

Whereas, Walt's dedication did not end with the cooperatives, Walt also served as a member of the Soybean Association, the Moody County Corn Growers, and numerous community and government organizations; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2004, as

WALT ELLEFSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to thank and honor Walt for his outstanding leadership to the cooperatives of South Dakota, and to extend a special thanks to Walt's wife and his family for the unselfishness of sharing him with so many.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State